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In Re Application of:

Schoenblum

Serial No.: 10/658,131

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Examiner: Rao, Anand

Docket No.: A-9141 (191920-1980)

For: A Digital Stream Transcoder with a Hybrid-Rate Controller**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding Office Action mailed May 10, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 19, 22, 25, 27, 44, 47, and 50 are amended; and claims 18 and 43 are canceled. Claims 1-17, 19-42, and 44-51 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 20-0778.